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For: METHODS OF DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF  
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Filed: March 26, 2001

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We enclose for filing:

- 1) Amendment (December 5, 2002), including appendix (12 pages); and
- 2) Petition for Two Month Extension of Time, with request to charge deposit account (1 page)

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## PATENT

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## AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2002. The period for reply being extended by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time being filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend claims 11, 12, 23, 25, 36, 37, 48, and 50 as follows.**

11. The method of claim 3, wherein the presence of a given target polynucleotide indicates the presence of a pathogen, wherein the pathogen is one of a virus, a prokaryote, and a eukaryote.

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